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Serial No.: 09/730,174)	Technology Center 1600
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For:	PTH 1-84 ANTIBODY)	
	PREPARATION)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Box Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the initial office action mailed July 2, 2002 in relation to the above identified patent application. In that office action, the Examiner contended that the claims filed in the subject application defined separate and distinct inventions and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 the Examiner requested restriction to one of the same.

Applicant hereby elects the Group VI invention with claims 5-12, 14-17, 19, 22, and 24 for initial prosecution without traverse drawn to a method for producing antibodies useful in the determination of PTH levels in a biological sample wherein said antibodies is capable of binding to a second peptide antigen having a formula SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5 and SEQ ID NO:6, and a kit comprising said antibodies classified in Class 535, subclass 70, 21, 810, and Class 530, subclass 387.1.

It is therefore respectfully requested that a follow-up Office Action rendered on the merits of the elected claims be provided in due course.

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